The Demand was put to vote and carried.
The grant was made.

DEMAND XXVI—PORTS.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 1,450 for the reconstruction of the kitchen and corridor in the Marine Bungalow at Alleppey. The reason for this is that during a heavy squall and storm, some trees fell on and damaged the kitchen attached to the Marine Bungalow. The work is an urgent one, and as funds are not available for the purpose in the sanctioned budget of the Marine Department, a supplementary demand for Rs. 1,460 for meeting the works is necessary.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN: ഈ പണി നടത്താൻ പോകുന്നതു ഈ നാട്ടിലെ സാധാരണ തേക്കു തടി കൊണ്ടോ അതല്ല ആസ്ട്രേറ്റ് ചെയ്ത തടി കൊണ്ടോ?

MR. G. B. E. TRULCOTT: Sir, I do not think it is.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: ഈ കിച്ചനിൽ എത്ര ആളുകൾക്കു ഭക്ഷണം കഴിക്കുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടി അതു വയ്ക്കാം?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: It is for the reconstruction of the kitchen and corridor that money is now asked for.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know for how many persons the kitchen would prove useful?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: It is a reconstruction and intended for the Port Officer, his family and his servants.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: Can the honourable member say the approximate number by whom the kitchen could be used?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: That depends on the Port Officer at the time.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORAARAKAN: എന്റെ ചോദ്യത്തിനു ഉത്തരം പറഞ്ഞില്ല.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I have already answered his question.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: I could not hear a single word of what Mr. Truscott has stated.

PRESIDENT: In answer to Mr. Kesava Pillai's question what the Chief Engineer said was that the question of accommodatoin will depend on the Port Officer at the time.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: I would like to know from the honourable member what the Port Officer was using for kitchen since the building was damaged?

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI: May I know from the member what was the Port Officer doing for the purpose of kitchen?

MR. G B E. TRUSCOTT: I do not know. But I know that during a heavy squall and storm some trees fell down and completely wrecked the kitchen.

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MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know from the member for how many days the Port Officer was managing without a proper kitchen attached to his Bungalow, after this storm?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I do not know.

The Demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE REPORT.

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Sir, I beg to move that the report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Audit and Appropriation Report for 1112 be taken up for consideration.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Before moving my first resolution I may be permitted to make a few general observations regarding the report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Report of Audit and Appropriation for the year 1112 M. E.

PRESIDENT: Under the Rules you are entitled to move your motion and then make your observations.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, at the outset I must congratulate Government on account of the fact that there were no irregularities in reappropriation during the year. It is gratifying to note in this connection that the system of appropriation of the sanctioned amounts has satisfactorily improved as a result of the constitution of the Public Accounts Committee on the statutory basis. I am glad to find that the Public Accounts Committee has examined the necessity of establishing the Commercial and Industrial Museum at Alleppey with a Commercial Bureau attached to it, and that such a proposal is under consideration of Government. On account of the growing importance of the Alleppey town and the number of travellers and tourists visiting it, the establishment of such a museum has become an indispensable necessity. I am glad to find that the proposal for the establishment of a museum is under the consideration of Government.

I am constrained to observe that, in spite of the strenuous attempts made by Government, there is no considerable improvement in the matter of obtaining unnecessary supplementary and additional grants by the Head of several Departments. Page 60 of the Appropriation Report deals with the details of such unnecessary supplementary and additional grants. This is a sure index of the fact that several heads of departments were not sufficiently in touch with the progress of the expenditure from time to time. It is equally disappointing to note that the number of defalcations, misappropriations, and financial irregularities during the year was on the increase. The Land Revenue Department stands first in this respect. It is stated on page 175 of the Audit Report that an amount of over Rs. 85,000 due from the abkari contractors had to be written off as irrecoverable during the year. The loss is partly attributed to certain inherent defects in the system and rules. I would request Government to take early steps to put a complete stop to this sort of growing defalcations and misappropriation of Government money, and also to remedy the evils arising out of the inherent defects in the system and rules. It is seen from Page 115 of

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